

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**100 N Park, Rm 201**  
**Helena MT 59620**

**Board Legislative Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**  
**1:30 pm**

Committee Members: Terry Smith, Chair (via telephone)  
John Paull (via telephone)  
Dianna Porter (via telephone)

Staff: Roxanne Minnehan, Kim Flatow, Ursula Hatfield, and  
Barbara Quinn; MPERA staff.

Other Attendees: No public present

**Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the open meeting of March 24, 2009 were presented.

Motion: Mr. John Paull moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2009 PERB Legislative Committee Meeting.

Second: Mr. Terry Smith

No public comment.

Vote: 2/0, Ms. Porter abstained

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Board Legislation – Status/Sponsors**

**HB12 Working Retiree Bill**

This bill was heard Monday, March 23 before the Senate State Administration Committee. The Committee concurred with the bill 7/2. Sen. Larry Jent will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

### **HB109 General Revisions Bill**

This bill was heard Monday, March 16 before the Senate State Administration Committee. Sen. Balyeat attempted to amend the bill to include an age 60 normal retirement age. The amendment included an amendment to Teachers Retirement System's (TRS) normal retirement age in our bill. The amendment passed 6/5. A motion was made to not concur the bill as amended, this passed 6/5. The Code Commissioner informed Sen. Balyeat that he could not amend TRS in our bill. Monday, March 30 the Committee stripped the bill of the amendments and the bill passed 11/0.

### **HB170 Qualification Bill**

This bill was scheduled for second reading on the Senate floor Tuesday, March 31.

## **Review of Introduced Bills**

### **House Bills**

#### **HB155 – Require state agencies to develop procedures to protect personal information**

Rep. JP Pomnichowski is the sponsor. This bill was transmitted to the Governor, Friday, March 27.

#### **HB315 – Increase amount and slow phase out of retiree exclusion from income**

Rep. Anders Blewett is the sponsor. This bill is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Taxation Committee, Wednesday, April 1.

#### **HB619 – Sudan divestment act**

Rep. Mike Jopek is the sponsor. This bill missed the transmittal deadline, it is probably dead.

#### **HB626 – Revise transfer from local police retirement plan to MPORS**

Rep. Jeffery Welborn is the sponsor. This bill passed the Senate on third reading with a 50/0 vote. It has been sent to enrolling.

#### **HB659 (LC2126) – Require examination, recommendations for public pension benefit and plan changes**

Rep. Don Roberts is the sponsor. This bill passed out of Senate State Administration Committee with a 10/1 vote, Saturday, March 28.

#### **HB679 – Eliminate defined benefit pensions; defined contribution as default**

Rep. Wayne Stahl is the sponsor. This bill was tabled in the House Taxation Committee with a 10/9 party-line vote. This bill has missed the revenue bill transmittal deadline; therefore, is probably dead.

## **Senate Bills**

### **SB158 – Revise number of judges in judicial districts**

Sen. Gregory D Barkus is the sponsor. This bill will add judges to the Judges Retirement System (JRS). This bill passed third reading 89/11 on the Senate floor, Tuesday, March 31.

### **SR9 – Confirm certain Governor's appointees**

This bill included PERB member Timm Twardoski. This bill has been filed with the Secretary of State.

## **Board Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule**

Weekly meetings are scheduled each Tuesday at 1:30 pm through the legislative session at 100 N Park Ave, Helena, MT 59620. The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 is cancelled due to the session's Easter break.

**Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm by Mr. Terry Smith, Chairman.**